**Losses incurred by Rural Electrification Corporation**

3647. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the concerned States were to subsidise losses, if any, incurred by Rural Electrification Corporation;

(b) if so, whether the States are fulfilling their commitments; and

(c) if not, whether the Central Government will interfere into the matter to get the losses subsidised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c) Rural Electrification Corporation extends financial assistance to State Governments/State Electricity Boards for rural electrification progammes. It is not incurring any losses and, therefore, the question of subsidising losses does not arise.

**Setting up of power plants by NTPC and NHEPC**

3648. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of power plants proposed to be set up by the National Thermal Power Corporation and the National Hydro Electric Power Corporation in the near future; and

(b) what will be the projected project outlay and by when these are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) The details of the power plants proposed to be set up in the near future by the National Thermal Power Corporation and the National Hydro-electric Power Corporation including their estimated cost and likely commissioning schedules, are given in the annexure. [See Appendix CXLVII, Annexure No. 129.]

**Total turnover of the proposed refinery in Assam**

3649. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what would be the total turnover of the proposed refinery in Assam for every million tonne of crude oil processed on the basis of projected product pattern; and

(b) how much out of the same, based on current price concept would accrue to the Central Government as duties; others surrenders and income-tax and to the oil company as profit before interest and dividend and to the State Government considering that no sales tax will be payable on products despatched out of Assam on stock transfer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) It would normally take 5 years for a refinery project to be completed and become fully operational from the date of the investment decision. The turnover of any refinery would depend upon the process configuration and the capacity utilisation at that point of time. It is, therefore, too early to estimate either the turnover or the other incomes accruing to the State and the Central Governments.

**Profit/loss accounts of the bicycle units in public and private sectors**

3650. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the public sector bicycle manufacturing units in Bombay area was losing about Rs. 400 per cycle produced while the Sen Raleigh, a nationalised unit in Asansol was losing about Rs. 300 per cycle and also that at the Asansol

factory four workers produced one bicycle in a day while at the private sector 'Hero' bicycle factory in Punjab, one worker produced four cycles a day; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) what are the profit/loss accounts, of the above-mentioned three factories for each of the last three years and how do they compare with each other?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. The quantum of financial loss per bicycle and number of cycles produced per worker will depend upon various other factors such as volume of production and the resultant units cost of production at a given time the state of plant and machinery and other facilities on the shop-floor availability of working capital etc.

(b) The profit/loss figures of CCIL, NBCIL and HERO during the last three years has been as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs

| Year | CCIL | NBCLE | HERO |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1985-86 . . . . . | (–)815 | (–)647 | (+)286 |
| 1986-87 . . . . . | (–)1035 | (–)604 | (+)242 |
| 1987-88 . . . . . (Provisional) | (—)1210 | (—)677 | N.A. |

**Transfer of Salt Department land to the Municipal Corporation of Greater Bombay for development projects**

3651. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in 1984, Central Government had approved the transfer of about 70.37 hectares of Salt Department land in the Eastern suburbs of Bombay to the Municipal Corporation of Greater Bombay for development project;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken so far for the transfer of the land; and

(c) by when the land will be actually handed over to the Municipal Corporation of Greater Bombay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir. 70.37 hectares of salt was approved for transfer to the Municipal Corporation of Greater Bombay and Bombay Electric Supply and Transport Undertaking.

(b) and (c) The land approved for transfer to the Municipal Corporation is spread over different locations of Greater Bombay. The major portion of the land involving 67 hectares required for sewerage treatment plant is largely under lease for salt manufacture. Salt Department allowed the Municipal Corporation to go ahead with the immediate items of work. The lessees objected to the work being done by the Municipal Corporation without first extinguishing their rights. On a writ petition filed by them, the Court has allowed the Corporation to undertake essential items of work subject to payment of compensation on provisional basis. The transfer of other portions is in various stages of processing by the Municipal Corporation like extinguishing the lessees' rights valuation of land etc. The transfer is, therefore, dependent upon the Corporation completing the requisite formalities.

**Salt Department Land for housing project in Bombay**

3652 SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state: